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END OF TERM DANCE

Where ?	College Hall
When?	Friday, 6th August, 8.30 p.m.
How Much?	Five shillings a head
Amenities?	Bar; Supper; Orchestra

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S. R. C. ELECTIONS

In accordance with the direction given at the last Annual General Meeting of the Students' Association, the S.R.C. has had under consideration the question of the annual elections of S.R.C. members.

For some time it has been felt within the College that the system of election used could be extended to include at least some measure of faculty representation and the S.R.C. as the executive of the Association was directed to look into the matter.

The present procedure is laid down in the Constitution of the Students' Association, which can be found at page 74 of the official College handbook. It is there provided for an executive of nine members, to be nominated and elected by the student body in the Annual General Meeting. This executive comprises:

President	} Voted for separately
Vice-President	
Treasurer	
Secretary	
Five other members	

It is also provided that one member of the S.R.C. shall be a woman.

After consideration of the proposal for faculty representation, the majority of the S.R.C. has come out in favour of the idea, on the following grounds:-

- (1) it will provide a more widespread and effective representation of students;
- (2) by stimulating interest in the elections it will increase both the number and quality of persons being nominated for the various posts.

Both of these points are held to be of great importance, especially in view of the likelihood of a move to new and permanent accommodation in the future. If the S.R.C. is to voice adequately

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the opinions and wishes of the student body during the vital period of transition either to complete independence or affiliation with the A.N.U., it must be both representative and vigorous. To do this it needs the active support of all students.

In the course of its discussions, the S.R.C. has concluded that the problem falls into two parts:-

method of election
stimulation of greater interest

The plan which is now set out is that which the S.R.C. considers should be introduced for the 1955 elections. The plan is not yet regarded as final but is being set forth to enable students to express their views on the matter. Final adoption of the plan will depend on a General Meeting called to amend the relevant sections of the Constitution.

Method of Election

The S.R.C. will consist of eight or more members elected from the academic faculties of the College under a system of proportional representation, plus the President. Nominations will be called for the following positions:-

President - to be nominated by any student and elected by the student body as a whole.	} To be nominated and elected by students enrolled within the group named.
Two representatives from the faculty of Arts	
Three representatives from the faculty of Commerce	
One representative from the faculty of Law	
Two representatives of non-examination and single-subject students, considered as a group.	

No specific provision will be made for female representation but the S.R.C. will, each year, endeavour to see that a number of nominations for women are received. If no women's representative is elected, the S.R.C. will have power to co-opt such a representative.

A student who is not a member of a faculty will be able to stand as representative of that faculty, provided he is nominated by students from the faculty concerned. The actual voting for each faculty representative will be restricted to students of that faculty.

It is proposed that election to the positions of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be performed by the new S.R.C. from within its own membership.

Stimulation of Interest

It is not considered possible to make participation in the election compulsory, but every effort will be made to interest all students in it. Early in first term a circular will be sent to all students describing the election system and calling for nominations. Nominations will close at the end of the following week and those accepted must bear at least two signatures of nominators and an indication from the person nominated that he is willing to stand for election. Nominees will be invited to supply brief details of themselves and, with their permission, these will be published in "Woroni".

The actual election will be performed by secret ballot and a ballot paper and stamped envelope will be sent to all students. Separate ballot papers will be prepared for each of the various

faculty groupings, but each paper will contain the nominations for the office of President. The date for receipt of completed ballot papers will be set prior to the Annual General Meeting and the successful candidates will be announced at that meeting.

It is emphasised that this is a tentative proposal only. The S.R.C., having expressed its views, is now calling for comment on the scheme. When finally decided on, the new system will be written into the Constitution, so if you have any suggestions or objections to the idea, now is the time to express them. Write to "Woroni", leave a note in the S.R.C. Office, or speak to a member of the S.R.C. BUT LET THEM KNOW!

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THE NON-ECONOMETRICIAN'S LAMENT

As soon as I could safely toddle
My parents handed me a Model.
My brisk and energetic pater
Provided the accelerator.
My mother, with her kindly sumption,
The function guiding my consumption;
And every week I had from her
A lovely new parameter,
With lots of little leads and lags
In pretty parabolic bags.

With optimistic expectations
I started on my explorations,
And swore to move without a swerve
Along my sinusoidal curve.
Alas! I knew how it would end;
I've mixed the cycle and the trend,
And fear that, growing dily skinnier,
I have at length become non-linear,
I wander glumly round the house
As though I were exogenous.
And hardly capable of feeling
The difference between floor and ceiling.
I scarcely now, a pallid ghost,
Can tell ex ante from ex post;
My thoughts are sadly inelastic,
My acts incurably stochastic.

D. H. Robertson

Economists, at least, will appreciate the above, which was written by Professor D. H. Robertson, well-known author of economic text-books, and made available to "Woroni" through the kindness of Professor H. W. Arndt.

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WHAT CAN THEY BE TRYING TO TELL US?

You have all heard recently about a planet called Mars; how it is at present a mere hop step and a jump away from us and how all our astronomer friends are join_ to try to learn a lot about it. Let's all hope that they do learn something, although I don't think they deserve to, for a couple of generations ago they had an excellent chance and threw it away. Do you know

how it was:

It so happened that Mars was at one time not only a hop step and a jump away from us - just a hop and a step. All the world's leading astronomers were watching it closely and noticed signs of extraordinary activity upon it, indeed it almost seemed as if there were upon it inhabitants who were making signs to us. A hurried conference was called and the most learned doctors decided that there must be people on Mars and that they obviously had an exceptional I.Q. So why should we not reply to their signals? You never know what we might learn!

There arose the difficulty of the language to use. But you must know that this was the age of enlightenment, not the modern barbarian age, and that all scholars conversed in classical Greek. Accordingly it was obvious that the Martians, if they were so intelligent, must know classical Greek - clearly here was the language to use.

A large part of the Sahara desert was flattened out and letters one hundred miles high were painted on enormous sheets of canvas. As the astronomers had not understood the Martians' signs their first question read simply (in translation) "Beg your pardon?". Every night for a week scientists in all countries scanned the skies in an eager attempt to see the reply. But none came. On the eighth night, their zeal was rewarded. But what was the scientists' disappointment and perplexity when they read: "Nothing". So another hurriedly called conference decided on a second message: "Then why are you making signs to us?" A further week and back came the reply from Mars: "We're not talking to you; we're talking to the people on Saturn".

Being gentlemen, of course, these enlightened astronomers could not possibly butt in on somebody else's conversation, and so the subject was dropped.

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PHARMACEUTICAL NOTES

Subject: Woman

Symbol: Wo.

Atomic weight: 120 lb.

Occurrences: Found wherever man is found, seldom in a free state.

Physical Properties: Generally rounded in form. Boils at nothing and may freeze at any minute. Melts when treated properly. Very bitter if not used well.

Chemical Properties: Very active. Possesses great affinity for gold, silver, platinum and precious stones. Violent reactions when left alone. Able to absorb great amounts of food. Turns green when placed beside a better looking specimen. Ages rapidly.

Uses: Highly ornamental. Useful as a tonic in accelerating low spirits, etc. Equalizes the distribution of wealth. Is probably the most powerful income reducing agent known.

Caution: Highly explosive when in inexperienced hands.

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I sing a song to rend your hearts
 I sig it loud, in stirrin_ verse
 So hearken! (and restrain that curse)
 I am a man of many parts -
 I took on six years' work at Arts
 I got B.A. (felt even worse),
 Commenced on six years of Commerce,
 Last year completed. Now there starts
 An eight years' study course in Law,
 And when that ends, I place reliance
 On findin_ here a course in Science
 Will take me some six years or more.
 What am I? Why, what could I be
 But part-time at the C.U.C.

"CUNCTATOR"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

It seems sir, somewhat surprising to see a shocked psycho student (spray again?). Yet our friend Miss Dis_usted is all of that and more. She is, on her own admission, both purified (admittedly only by the powers of French) and thoroughly unable to express her views sufficiently strongly. Perhaps this explains the underlined words of her letter published 19th July, 1954.

I notice, with silent admiration, her grasp, at this stage, of the principles of psychology. Her reference to instincts, however feminine, is a work of art, and her reference to childhood, a stroke of Freudian genius. However, her admirable grasp of psych. is only equalled by the paucity of her general knowledge. It is on this point that her training has been sadly neglected; and it is this that sent her psycho mind reeling at the sight of the College lawn covered (yes, literally!) with all sorts of interesting whatchamacallits.

Yes, Miss Dis_usted, I cannot but agree. What an interesting study people of your psychology class would make!

Yours sincerely,

JIM SWARMINUP

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